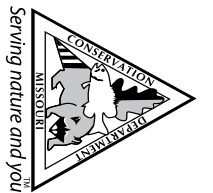




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16 Savannah Stroll

Friday 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

(All Ages) Come take a stroll through the restored savannah in Forest Park. Learn what a savannah is and what unique benefits it has to offer. See an area that five years ago was a mowed lawn and now is a complex ecosystem. Meet at the Forest Park Visitor Center. *Naturalist: Jamaica Duane*
(Reservations begin June 2.)



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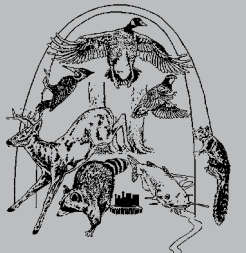


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St. Louis Regional Calendar of Events

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The Meeting of the Rivers: Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

By Catherine McGrane, *Naturalist*

“...Through a vast unknown of barbarism, poured its turbid floods into the bosom of its gentle sister.” – Father Jacques Marquette, 1673

As Father Marquette’s party pushed upriver toward the northern reaches of the Mississippi River, he was struck by the power of the meeting of the rivers, as evidenced by the above quote. Like Father Marquette, other explorers have marveled at and respected the power of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area is located at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Just as early adventurers went in search of new places, people and experiences, so do many of today’s travelers. Visitors from as far away as British Columbia and Europe have found their way to the Visitor Center and on to the Confluence Observation Platform to view the meeting of the rivers. Along the way to the confluence, today’s visitor will encounter grasslands, croplands, wetlands and bottomland forests on this 4318-acre area.

Prairie plants provide perches for dickcissels, Eastern bluebirds and red-winged blackbirds. American goldfinches, Baltimore orioles and indigo buntings are among the many songbirds making Columbia Bottom their summer home. Killdeer run along and across the roads while red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures ride the thermals high in the sky.

In addition to bird watching, Columbia Bottom offers other recreational activities. The 3-mile River’s Edge Trail and the 4.5-mile Confluence Trail provide hiking and abundant opportunities for viewing wildlife: coyotes, red foxes, raccoons and deer. Signs of beaver activity may be found along the River’s Edge Trail. Hunting and fishing are allowed on the area. Bicyclists will enjoy miles of paved roads and the Confluence Trail.

Interpretive staff and volunteers offer many educational opportunities for all ages. General public, Scout and homeschool programs are offered through *Making Tracks*. School group programs are offered on-site and summer off-site programs are offered to camps, schools and libraries.

The Visitor Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by or call (314) 877-6014 for more information about the area hours and programs. Don’t wait another day to experience the thrill of the meeting of the rivers! 🐾

Discovery Packs Donated By Dana Brown Charitable Trust

Would you like to explore nature with your kids, youth group or Scouts – and are looking for the equipment, materials and information you need to do so? Whether you are a parent, youth group leader or Scout leader, check out our Discovery Packs. They are filled with activities, identification guides, booklets and brochures that will help you explore nature here at Columbia Bottom Conservation Area.

Through the generosity of the Dana Brown Charitable Trust, the Discovery Packs are available at our front desk during regular Visitor Center hours on a first-come, first-served basis. Packs may be borrowed for use at Columbia Bottom for up to three hours. Be sure to check it out!

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 441-4554 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From Hwy 40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 2 miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/buschca/

3 Marais Temps Clair Hike: Resident Birds

Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(Adults) On this 5-mile hike at Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area we'll look for resident birds and other animals. Birds are most active in early morning and the temperatures are usually comfortable, so this is a great time to explore the marsh habitat. Spotting scopes will be provided. *Volunteer Naturalist: Marv Staloch* (Reservations begin May 19.)

5 Beautiful Butterflies

Monday 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Ages 7-12) What makes butterflies unique? Join us to learn about butterflies and go outside to search for them. *Naturalist: Shanna Raeker* (Reservations begin May 22.)

6 Ecological Footprints

Tuesday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 7-12) What does your breakfast have to do with how big your footprint is? (Hint: This kind of footprint doesn't deal with shoe size!) What can a deer teach us about this? Discover the answers to these questions and more. *Naturalist: Eileen Diskin* (Reservations begin May 23.)

8 Stream Study

Thursday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(All Ages) Looking for a unique way to beat the summer heat? Help us search for animal life in a stream and learn how these animals can predict the stream's health. *Naturalist: Shanna Raeker* (Reservations begin May 25.)

10 Missouri's Wild Canines

Saturday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(All Ages) Foxes, coyotes and wolves – are they our friend or foe? Should we be scared of them? Join us to discover the answer. *Volunteer Naturalists: Trish & Glenn Senter* (Reservations begin May 26.)

14 Make a Mussel

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
(Ages 4-6) Mussels don't help you lift weights (that's muscles!). Freshwater mussels – sometimes called clams – are unique animals of Missouri's rivers and streams that are biological indicators of clean water. Join us to search for shells, make a craft and learn about nature's "vacuum cleaners." *Volunteer Naturalist: Kathy Thiele* (Reservations begin May 31.)

14 Mussel Beach Party

Wednesday 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Ages 7-12) Freshwater mussels are unique animals that are biological indicators of clean water. Join us as we explore Missouri's mussels and learn about nature's "vacuum cleaners." *Volunteer Naturalist: Kathy Thiele* (Reservations begin May 31.)

15 Fire-Building Basics

Thursday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 12 & up) Can you start a fire without lighter fluid? In this program, participants will learn about and then practice building a fire. If we're successful, we'll have some toasted marshmallows to show for all our work! *Naturalist: Shanna Raeker* (Reservations begin June 1.)

20 Totally Turtles

Tuesday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 7-12) Can a turtle come out of its shell and walk around? Will a turtle die if it flips over on its

back? Discover the answers to these questions and more about Missouri's turtles. *Naturalist: Shanna Raeker* (Reservations begin June 6.)

21 Amazing Animal Antics

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 7-12) Bees that dance? Birds that run in place? Come learn about some of the strange things animals do and why they do them. We'll also play several games to explore these behaviors. *Naturalist: Eileen Diskin* (Reservations begin June 7.)

23 Spider Sniff

Friday 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
(All Ages) You've never been spider sniffin'? Well, here's your chance! Join us as we uncover the mystery behind spiders and their kin. Please bring a flashlight. *Naturalist: Shanna Raeker* (Reservations begin June 9.)

24 Wild Edibles

Saturday 10 a.m. – Noon
(Ages 16 & up) Learn to identify and conserve an important natural resource: wild edible foods. Discover the delicious culinary delights you can create with wild edible plants and prepare some of our local Missouri wild plants to sample. *Volunteer Naturalist: Gladys Kullman* (Reservations begin June 9.)

27 Introduction to Fishing

Tuesday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
(Ages 12 & up) Bring your children to this introductory class and let us teach them to set up their poles, bait their hooks and, with any luck, take a fish off the line. *Naturalist: Shanna Raeker* (Reservations begin June 13.)



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St. Louis Region Newsletter

WOW St. Louis – June 10

Sharpen your outdoor skills at family-friendly event

It's a great time to be outdoors, so step into Mother Nature's classroom for a great outdoor adventure! The Wonders of the Outdoor World (WOW) National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School teaches participants how to enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreation activities while practicing personal safety and outdoor responsibility.

Each WOW course includes an outdoor skill, conservation, safety and an ethics component. WOW is designed as an annual event and offers a comprehensive educational program through selected courses and workshops. Some courses are designed to provide a complete range of instruction while others deal with only one topic.

Join us on Saturday, June 10, at Forest Park in St. Louis from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the WOW St. Louis Outdoor Event. Open to ages 9 and up, the event will help participants master new outdoor skills or improve existing ones. Hands-on classes include fishing, camping, archery, orienteering, canoeing, a climbing wall and many other outdoor-skills activities. An optional overnight camp offered on Friday, June 9, will feature storytelling by Bobby Norfolk, stargazing and a campout—right in Forest Park!

A fee of \$10 covers meals, equipment and course instruction. Financial assistance may be available for qualifying residents. Shuttle service provided to some activities. Youths ages 9-12 must attend with an adult. Space is limited! To register, call 314-340-5794 or 1-800-334-6946.



Rockwoods Reservation

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2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 458-2236 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/

2 Caving

Friday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7-13) Enter the underground world of Rockwoods Cave to learn about a cave ecosystem and the importance wildlife plays in it. This hands-on exploration requires crawling on your stomach for several feet. Wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt and bring a flashlight. Helmets will be provided. Program is limited to 25 participants. *Naturalist: Nick Davis* (Reservations begin May 19.)

10 Terrific Terrariums

Saturday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(All Ages) Learn about the delicate balance of living things in the forest ecosystem. Then re-create the splendor as you put together your own beautiful terrarium. Bring a clear, two-liter soda bottle or similarly sized glass or plastic container. *Volunteer Naturalist: Sally Roberts* (Reservations begin May 29.)

16 It's a Buggy World

Friday 10 a.m. – Noon

(Ages 7 & up) Hop, jump or metamorphose with us into the tiny world of insects. Learn what makes insects unique, how they differ from other wildlife and how they benefit so many different ecosystems. Then we will grab our sweep nets and head out to the prairie to try our hand at catching a few. *Naturalist: Anna-Lisa Tucker* (Reservations begin June 2.)

17 Rockwoods: The Northeast Corner of the Ozarks

Saturday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

(Adults) Join us as we explore an Ozark trail and discover what is unique about this area. How was

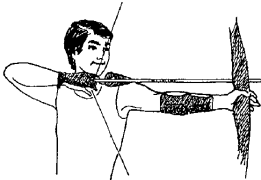
it formed? What lives in the glades, woodlands and caves? Discover the relationships among weather, natural resources and the flora and fauna.

Volunteer Naturalist: Karen Staloch (Reservations begin June 5.)

Enjoying the Outdoors

Bull's-eye... and all it took was a little bit of practice! Join us as we teach you how to take aim and properly use a bow and arrow and air rifle. We will also help you learn how to build a fire, find shelter and gather water when it seems water is nowhere to be found.

Naturalist: Anna-Lisa Tucker



19 Archery

Monday

10 a.m. – Noon (Ages 7-10)
(Reservations begin June 5.)

20 Archery

Tuesday

10 a.m. – Noon (Ages 7-10)
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Ages 11-13)
(Reservations begin June 6.)

22 Air Rifles

Thursday

10 a.m. – Noon (Ages 7-10)
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Ages 11-13)
(Reservations begin June 8.)

27 Fire, Water, Shelter

Tuesday

10 a.m. – Noon (Ages 7-10)
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Ages 11-13)
(Reservations begin June 13.)

29 Map & Compass

Thursday

10 a.m. – Noon (Ages 7-12)
(Reservations begin June 15.)

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

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801 Strodtman Rd., St. Louis, MO 63138 Office hours are Wednesday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For reservations call (314) 877-6014 Wednesday through Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-270 north take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north approximately 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/bottom/

3 Birdsong in the Woods: Birding for Beginners

Saturday 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

(Ages 14 & up) Which bird says “Drink your tea?” Which asks, “Here I am. Where are you?” These questions and more will be answered on this bird walk, which focuses on birdsong. Binoculars are required and a field guide is strongly recommended. *Volunteer Naturalist: Colleen Crank* (Reservations begin May 20.)

3 Babes in the Woods at St. Stanislaus

Saturday 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

(Ages Birth-3) You're never too young to develop an appreciation for nature. Bring your strollers or walk with us along the paved trail. We will use our senses to look for birds and other signs of nature, and listen for frogs. *Volunteer Naturalist: Andra Stanley* (Reservations begin May 20.)

8 Firefly Fun

Thursday 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Ages 3-6) Join in firefly fun! Find out what these bright creatures eat, how they live and why they light. We'll be outside on a firefly hunt and have stories, crafts and other activities. Please dress for the weather. *Volunteer Naturalist: Lisa Reid* (Reservations begin May 25.)

9 Beginning Air Rifles

Friday 9 a.m. – Noon

(Ages 10 & up) Find out how to safely shoot air rifles. Learn the 10 Commandments of Firearms Safety and basic shooting fundamentals. You will have the opportunity to shoot at a variety of targets. All equipment

will be provided. *Naturalist: Catherine McGrane* (Reservations begin May 26.)

10 Cultured Vultures

Saturday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

(All Ages) Vultures are beautiful flyers in the sky but ugly scavengers on the ground. Learn how they stay aloft for hours and why they have ugly, bald heads. Whether or not you like “buzzards,” you'll be glad you don't have to eat what they eat. We'll go out to search for vultures, so dress for the weather. *Naturalist: Catherine McGrane* (Reservations begin May 27.)

11 Full Moon Hike

Sunday 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

(Families) Follow the River's Edge Trail with the full moon as your guide on this one-hour hike. We'll check out nocturnal wildlife and be able to see them without scaring them away! Learn what adaptations they have to hunt and live by moonlight. *Volunteer Naturalist: Lisa Reid* (Reservations begin May 28.)

16 Beginning Archery

Friday 9 a.m. – Noon

(Ages 10 & up) Whether you're a novice or experienced archer, you'll find out how to safely use a bow and arrow. Learn the fundamentals and practice your skills in an open field with stationary targets. All equipment provided; please do not bring your own. *Naturalist: Catherine McGrane* (Reservations begin June 2.)

22 Celebrating Bugs: Bug Bowl

Thursday 10 a.m. – Noon

(Ages 7-12) What do you know about bugs? Are they important to us? Would we have chocolate without

them? What would other animals do without bugs? Come play “survivor” and other games and learn to love bugs! *Volunteer Naturalist: Andra Stanley* (Reservations begin June 8.)

23 “Pass the Plants, Please!”

Friday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7-12) Croplands on Columbia Bottom provide a great food source for humans and wildlife, too. Learn the benefits of these plants in our diet. Bring your appetite! We'll prepare and eat healthy snacks. It's time to think inside and outside the bun! *Trail Ranger: Chiffantae Ross* (Reservations begin June 9.)

24 Out of the Mouths of Insects

Saturday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 5-7) Insects have specialized mouthparts that enable them to eat different plants. Meet insects with mouths that resemble pliers, straws and even drills. Weather permitting, we'll go out to search for evidence of our plant-munching friends. *Volunteer Naturalist: Colleen Crank* (Reservations begin June 10.)

27 Water Wonders

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(All Ages) More than 70% of the earth's surface is covered with water and a small portion of that water is found at Columbia Bottom. We'll explore the different water systems: big river, seasonal wetland and possibly temporary pools. Be prepared to get muddy as we sample the plant and animal life within these water systems to compare the different aquatic habitats. *Naturalist: Catherine McGrane* (Reservations begin June 13.)

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 Nature Center hours are daily from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For reservations call (314) 301-1500 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 east in Kirkwood, take Watson Road, exit and turn north on Geyer Road. Follow Geyer Road 200 yards to Cragwold Road. Go 1 mile west on Cragwold Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/powder/

7 Hiking at Powder Valley: Broken Ridge Trail

Wednesday 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Adults) We will hike Broken Ridge Trail to see what birds, wildflowers and trees we may find. Volunteer Naturalist: Tom O’Gorman (Reservations begin May 24.)

8 Canoeing for Beginners

Thursday 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
(Ages 16 & up) This classroom presentation will focus on basic canoeing techniques, river navigation and courtesy. Volunteer Naturalist: Tom Bayer (Reservations begin May 25.)

9 Butterflies at Emmenegger

Friday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 8 & up) Wildflowers are blooming at Emmenegger and they attract many insects, including butterflies. Come learn about common Missouri butterflies, their life cycles and the differences between butterflies and moths. After our discussion, we’ll explore the bottomlands and do some collecting and identifying. Emmenegger Nature Park is located off Cragwold Road just west of the Powder Valley entrance. Please meet at the pavilion. Staff Naturalist: Amy Anderson (Reservations begin May 26.)

11 Second Sunday Celebration: All About Insects

Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
(All Ages) The story, songs and sing-a-longs; facts and fun for everyone; puzzles, poems, pictures, plays; come for an hour, stay for the day. Insect crafts, insect games. Is it an insect? What’s in a name? Discovery Table for you to inspect; walk in the woods—with the insects connect. Listen to music with new insects lines; suspect you’ll have a wonderful time. Whether you crawl like an ant or hop like a flea, on Second Sundays Powder Valley is the perfect place to “bee.” Hike starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Emmenegger Bridge in Emmenegger Park. Volunteer Naturalists will lead the activities. (No reservations necessary.)

14 Tree Buddies

Wednesday 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
(Ages 3-6) What’s the first thing you think of when someone mentions a “tree?” Is it the leaves or the bark? Well, there is a lot more to trees than meets the eye. In this program we’ll learn everything there

is, while keeping it nicely packaged for the young and young at heart. Staff Naturalist: Kevin McCarthy (Reservations begin May 31.)

16 Finding & Appreciating Wild Birds at Emmenegger Nature Park

Friday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 7 & up) All birds need food, water, nesting sites and shelter, which are provided by the habitat where they live. At Emmy, we will take the habitat approach to finding and identifying wild birds. Emmenegger Nature Park is located off Cragwold Road just west of the Powder Valley entrance. We will meet at the pavilion. Staff Naturalist: David Bradford (Reservations begin June 1.)

HOMESCHOOL

19 Pond Ecology at Henges

Monday 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Ages 7-12) Ponds are diverse ecosystems that offer many fascinating attractions. Join us at Henges as we take a close-up look at a pond and all the creatures that live there. In the classroom, we will learn about the ecology of the pond and become familiar with some of its macro-invertebrates and amphibians. Then, we’ll head outside to conduct a pond study and do some collecting to see what we can find. We will meet at the Henges Range & Conservation Education Center. Staff Naturalist: Jada Barhorst (Reservations begin June 5.)

21 Hiking at Powder Valley: Hickory Ridge Trail

Wednesday 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Adults) We will hike Hickory Ridge Trail to see what birds, wildflowers and trees we may find. Volunteer Naturalist: Tom O’Gorman (Reservations begin June 7.)

24 The Healing Power of Wild Plants

Saturday 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
(Ages 12 & up) This hike to identify medicinal plants will include discussion about their historical and modern uses. Volunteer Naturalists: Alma Dulz and Cheryl Rafert (Reservations begin June 5.)

25 Canoeing for Beginners

Sunday 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
(Ages 16 & up) This classroom situation will demonstrate basic canoeing techniques, river navigation and courtesy. Volunteer Naturalist: Tom Bayer (Reservations begin June 5.)

26-29 Conservation Day Camp

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(Ages 8-13) Come join the fun and learn a thing or two about Missouri’s fish, forest and wildlife at Powder Valley’s Conservation Day Camp. The camp will be four fun-filled days of educational and instructional programs ranging from archery and fishing to dissecting owl pellets and pond studies. Presented by Staff Naturalists and Outdoor Skills Specialist (Reservations begin June 1.)

June Nature Films

June 3 & 4

No films the morning of June 3
Attend Tom Terrific’s presentation on butterfly gardening from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
MAGIC SCHOOL BUS: Butterflies
Eyewitness: Butterfly & Moth
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Attracting Butterflies to your Backyard
Audubon Society’s Butterfly Gardening

June 11

There will be no films shown on June 10
Plan to attend the first-person interpretations of Theodore Roosevelt and John James Audubon
One program at 10 a.m. and one at 1 p.m.
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Eyewitness: Flight
Eyewitness: Bird
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis & Clark: Corps of Discovery in Missouri 1804;
Lewis & Clark Expedition
America’s Outdoor Heritage
Basics of Bird Photography
Fifty Years with Smokey Bear

June 17 & 18

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Keep the Balance
Just Kiddin’ Around
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Exploring Outdoor Missouri
Natural Adventures Close to Home: St. Louis (Revised)
Natural Adventures Close to Home: Springfield
Rivers & Streams
Natural Adventures Close to Home: Kansas City

June 24 & 25

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Eyewitness: Pond and River
Eyewitness: Fish
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Missouri Outdoors
TV Story Collections: Volume 3
Fishing (Disc 3)
Headwaters

*Shown in the Auditorium *
*Free of Charge *
Groups Welcome!

Children’s films: 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
All Ages films: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Films are subject to change.
Times are approximate.

No reservations necessary

June Hallway Exhibit Artist

M. Shawn Cornell

Shawn works almost exclusively out-of-doors, in all seasons and conditions, and strives to complete all images during a single setting. For him, painting is much more than just a visual experience—it is a total sensory experience.

Being out in nature gives him a more direct and personal connection with the subject as he attempts to tell a story; to capture that brief moment in time and sense of place through oil paint on canvas.

Shawn is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he received a B.A. Degree in Fine Art in 1985. In 1987, he received an Associate

of Arts Degree in Graphic Design. He was employed by the Maritz Corporation from 1988 through 1992, and the firm of Paradowski Design from 1992 to the present.

His recent awards include the following: 2003 Art On The Square: The Mayor’s Choice Award and Best in Category Award; 2003 GEAG Show – Best in Category Award; 2004 Art On The Square: Award of Merit; 2004 Gateway Artists’ Guild Summer Art Show: Best in Category Award; 2005 Estes Park, Wand Gallery: Professional Artist Choice Award; Highland Art In The Park Dona Weder Abbot Award.

Powder Valley Volunteer Milestones

Anne Buhr.....100 hours
Judy Carrie.....100 hours
Anna Forder.....100 hours

Richard Guelker.....100 hours
Barbara Herbst.....100 hours
Caryl Meier.....100 hours